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Applicants : Maino et al.

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final office action mailed August 31, 2001, applicants submit the following remarks and declaratory evidence. Applicants petition concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two (2) month extension of time, extending time to respond to and including January 28, 2002. Applicants file concurrently herewith:

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• Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, with fee as specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b); and the